The proceeds of the cess are first credited to the Consolidated Fund of India and the Central Government by appropriation credit such proceeds to the Central Road Fund (CRF) from time to time, after deducting the expenses of collection. The Central Road Fund is utilized for development of national highways, development of the rural roads, development and maintenance of other state roads including roads of Inter-State and Economic Importance and construction of roads either under or over the railways by means of bridge and erection of safety works at unmanned rail road crossing etc. as per the provisions of Central Road Fund Act, 2000. This Act came into force with effect from 1st November, 2000. The implementing Ministries are Ministry of Rural Development, Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways (Department of Road Transport and Highways).

(c) Presumably the Hon'ble Members are asking about cess collected on petrol and high speed diesel for extension and development of road construction in the country. The total amount collected in this regard upto March 2008 starting from financial year 2000-01 is Rs. 69267.66 crore. This Department has not made any estimation of cess collection on petrol and high speed diesel during year 2008-09. However, the amount of cess collected during 2008-09 (upto September, 2008) is Rs. 7511.54 crore.

National Highways in Uttar Pradesh

1961. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:
SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of kilometers of new highways that have been sanctioned and added in Uttar Pradesh (UP) during the last three years;

(b) the details of these highways;

(c) how many old roads have been taken over as highways;

(d) whether Government is aware that oldest highway Grand trunk road is in very bad condition throughout the year; and

(e) if so, the steps that are taken to clear encroachment and widen it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) Two numbers of New National Highways having total length of 275 Kilometers have been added in Uttar Pradesh during last three years. One is NH No. NE II (Eastern Peripheral Expressway connecting NH No. 1 to NH No. 2) having length of 90 Kilometers in Uttar Pradesh and other is NH No. 24B from Lucknow to Allahabad via Rai Bareily having length of 185 Kilometers.

(d) and (e) National Highway No. 91 and the stretches of NH-2 and NH-1, forming part of old Grand Trunk road, are in traffic worthy condition. These highways are being properly maintained. No encroachments are permitted within the Right-of-Way (ROW) of these highways. Whenever an encroachment is noticed in the National Highway ROW, the same is removed with the help of District Authority and Police.